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SUBJECT: "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" CONTINUES ATTACK ON TURKISH PRESS

REF: A) THESS 168 B) THESS 184 (NOTAL) C) THESS 185

1. "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF APRIL 9 CARRIES FRONTPAGE REPORT, TAKEN FROM TURKISH PAPER "HURRIYET" OF APRIL 7, ON ORAL PROTEST TO GOG FONMIN BY TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS GURUN RE "INSULTS IN 'ELLINIKOS VORRAS' AGAINST TURKEY AND TURKS". "VORRAS" FURTHER CLAIMS THAT "HURRIYET" OF APRIL 5 MISQUOTED IT AS REPORTING THAT TURKS ARE "BARBARIANS, WRETCHES, IDIOTS AND MORONS". ACCOUNT ALSO NOTES ALLEGED RECENT INQUIRY BY TURKISH MP MEHMET BIYIK RE "BEGINNING OF LARGE ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN AGAINST TURKS IN GREECE".

2. FINALLY, SAME ARTICLE REFERS TO AP REPORT OF APRIL 7 THAT "TRAVELLERS FROM TURKEY" HAVE NOTED "MOVEMENTS OF TURKISH ARMED FORCES INDICATING THAT TURKS ARE REINFORCING POSITIONS NEAR GREEK BORDER".

3. "VORRAS" HEADLINES DISMISS ALLEGED "HURRIYET" REPORTS

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AS "CAMPAIGN AGAINST GREECE BY CONTROLLED TURKISH PRESS".

COMMENTARY IN TEXT CHARGES THAT, WHILE "HURRIYET" CLAIMING TO QUOTE "VORRAS", IT IS TURKISH PAPER WHICH "ESCALATES OWN ANTI-GREEK CAMPAIGN WITH CONTINUOUS REPORTS".

4. COMMENT: IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT AMB. GURUN TRANSITED THIS AREA APRIL 4 EN ROUTE BACK TO HIS POST (REF C). IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT NATIONALISTIC "VORRAS" AND ITS JINGOIST CHIEF EDITOR KYROU, WHOSE FAVORITE TARGETS THESE DAYS ARE TURKEY, COMMUNIST YUGOSLAVIA, AND MAKARIOS, IN ABOUT THAT ORDER, WOULD CAST THE EPITHETS "HURIYET" ATTRIBUTES TO THEM. HOWEVER, WE ARE UNABLE TO RECALL THEM OR TO LOCATE THEM IN OUR PRESS RECORDS.  
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